

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. - 17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting notifications to users of a logistic system,

said logistic system comprising at least one parcel compartment system with at least one registered user, wherein notification orders are transmitted to a central sending component which, ~~on the basis of~~ based on the notification orders, accesses at least one database and generates and sends appropriate notifications to the user, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(a) calling up different modules with associated functions in response to different events within the logistic system, said modules being selected from the group consisting of a client database, a registration unit, and a system administration unit for the logistic system;

(b) generating notification orders by the modules;

~~(c)(i) transferring the notification orders to the central sending component so the orders can be sent immediately; or,~~

—(ii) (c) writing the notification orders into a communication request queue so the notification orders can be sent in a deferred manner; and

reading the notification orders from the communication request queue by a queue reader in a timer-controlled manner and transferring the notification orders to the central sending component;

(d) generating appropriate user-specific notifications by the central sending component; and,

(e) sending said notifications to the user by the central sending unit via a gateway;

wherein said generating ~~step includes~~ comprises accessing at least one client database, a parcel database, an automatic parcel delivery machine database, and a document database by the central sending component, wherein said method further includes ~~the step of~~ validating the status of the notification orders in a delivery contract logic before transferring the notification orders to the central sending component.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 18, comprising ~~the step of~~ allocating client data, parcel data, and parcel compartment system data in the databases by means of identities (IDs) ~~IDs~~.

20. (Previously Presented) The method Claim 18, wherein the events in the logistic system comprise at least the following:

- registration of the new user
- change in the user data
- placement of a new parcel in a parcel compartment system
- picking up a parcel from a parcel compartment system
- sending back a parcel
- adding a substitute for pick-up of a parcel
- removing a substitute.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 18, comprising ~~the~~ ~~step of~~ sending the notifications to the users in the form of at least one of e-mail and Short Message Service (SMS) ~~SMS~~.

22. (Currently Amended) A device for transmitting notifications to users of a logistic system that operates one or more parcel compartment systems, wherein the logistic system comprises modules having functions for generating notification orders, of a central sending component, of a communication request queue for storing the notification orders so that the notification orders can be sent in a deferred manner, of a document database with templates for generating individual notifications for ~~[[the]]~~ specific users, of a client database with information about clients, of a parcel database with information about parcels, of an automatic parcel delivery machine database with information about parcel compartment systems and of a gateway for sending the notifications, wherein the modules are one or more of a client database, a registration unit and a system administration unit for the logistic system.